



## EC MARKING = SAFETY

### What does EC marking entail?

Over the last few years we have seen that the majority of products that we can buy in the European Community have an additional mark, a standardised logotype that we identify with the initials CE or EC.



According to European Community directives any product manufactured, stored or marketed in the European Union must have EC marking.

The fact that a product has this EC marking means that it satisfies a series of European **directives and standards**.

For the consumer this means that the product he purchases meets a series of legal requirements, and that it therefore satisfies a series of technical standards that will have a bearing on minimum **safety** and **quality**.

The importance of this is seen in all those products which, due to their operating and use conditions, may represent a danger for our safety.

All of this is regulated via a series of mandatory directives that must be satisfied by manufacturers and legal representatives in the European Community. European directives are legal provisions announced by the Member States. Member states adopt these directives and publish them (in Spain, in the BOE, the Official State Gazette).

### Since when does the EC marking apply?

The **EC Marking Directive** entered into force and its enforcement is mandatory since the **year 1996**, therefore all machines manufactured after that date have been laboratory tested, manufactured and inspected in series according to the regulation in force.

To carry out some standard product (sample) laboratory tests, we collaborate closely with the Technology Institute of Aragon (ITA).



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*REMARK: For machines manufactured prior to 1995, it is the owner of that machine (Gala Gar customer) who must assume responsibility for it insofar as its adaptation to the new regulation is concerned, providing it with the appropriate protections and safety means to eliminate or reduce existing risks.*

## EC Declaration of Conformity

Its mandatory nature is established in the European Community directive



As established in the European Community directives:

To carry out the EC marking of a product and for the product to bear such EC marking, all appliances and/or equipment must include an inseparable EC Declaration of Conformity in the user manual, specifying the manufacturer, the person responsible (physical person and post occupied in the company), make, model and place of construction, date, standards and directives it satisfies.

## Environmental Requirements

Our products meet other directives based on **environmental requirements**, namely:

- **2002/95/CE RoHs** on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances, whereby certain toxic substances such as lead, cadmium, chrome, etc. are eliminated from the different equipment components.
- **2002/96/EC WEEE** on waste electrical and electronic equipment, transposed to RD 208/2005, whereby Gala Gar takes care of the future recycling rate entailed by the placement on the market of electrical and electronic equipment. Gala Gar, S.L. belongs to the ERP (European Recycling Platform) Integrated Management System.

### **How do I know that a product satisfies the Directive on WEEE?**

The product must be identified with the following symbol:



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